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For: METHOD FOR MANAGING A DIGITAL INTERFACE CONNECTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 4 and 6-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

Sub B2
1. A connection managing method of a digital interface for performing a connection management for a plurality of devices connected by a digital interface, the plurality devices including operation modes having a normal mode for performing a usual operation prescribed in the digital interface standard and a private mode for performing an operation which selectively controls the external device, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) establishing the private mode as an operation mode in a first arbitrary device in response to a user's command;